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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
NORIBUMI KOITABASHI, ET AL.)
Appln. No.: 09/349,473)
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For: INK-JET APPARATUS EMPLOYING)
INK-JET HEAD HAVING A)
PLURALITY OF INK EJECTION)
HEATERS CORRESPONDING TO)
EACH INK EJECTION OPENING)

Examiner: A. Do
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed March 15, 2001, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the enclosed copy of a Chinese Office Action, along with an English translation thereof.

It will be appreciated that the Office Action lists three documents, U.S. Patent No. 4,499,479 and Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 2-3324, which were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed July 9, 1999, and Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 61-146556, which was cited in the Supplemental Information

Disclosure Statement filed March 31, 2001. These documents may be relevant for the reasons noted therein.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner.

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